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Commissioner  
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Dear Commissioner Plaskett:

This is in response to your letter of June 18, 2001, requesting an extension of time to submit a primacy revision application to EPA for a number of new drinking water regulations as identified in the enclosed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resource's (DPNR) request for an extension in order to amend the Virgin Islands Safe Drinking Water Act to adopt these requirements by reference and consolidate these changes into one primacy application falls within the provision of the EPA primacy regulations found at 40 CFR 142.12(b). I therefore approve your request for an extension for submittal of the above primacy revisions to April 28, 2002.

Your request also included the above-mentioned MOU listing the responsibilities between our respective agencies prior to DPNR receiving primacy for these rules. I have enclosed a signed copy of the MOU for your records.

It will be important to carry these activities out as listed in order to assure a smooth transition for primacy for these group of rules affecting systems in the Virgin Islands. In addition, the schedule of milestones should be strictly adhered to in order to allow for the primacy revision process to proceed in a timely manner.

My staff will continue to work closely and cooperatively with your staff to ensure that all aspects of the above referenced Rules will be fully implemented in the Virgin Islands.

Sincerely

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Acting Regional Administrator

Enclosure

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